GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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AHMEDABAD COUNTER MAGNET CITY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): the amount provided by the Union Government to the Government of Gujarat for the Ahmedabad Counter Magnet City Project during each of the last three years;

(b): the details of the villages likely to be brought under the said project and the area of land, in acres, proposed to be acquired for the purpose;

(c): whether the slums of Ahmedabad would also be covered under the said project; and

(d): if so, the present position of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(d): There is no Ahmedabad Counter Magnet City Project being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) is being administered by this Ministry with the objective to slow down migration from rural areas and smaller towns to large cities by development of selected small and medium towns which are capable of generating economic growth and employment. Under the Scheme the Central Government has provided financial assistance of Rs.167.95 lakhs, Rs.453.17 lakhs and Rs.621.76 lakhs to the State of Gujarat during the last three years i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.